New scheme for Readers

5457. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has devised a new scheme for Readers, instead of promotions as Professors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the teachers thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it proposes to formulate a suitable Scheme for rewarding meritorious teachers in the grade of Reader/Lecturer (Selection Grade) in affiliated colleges. The basic objective of the reward scheme is to strive towards educational excellence in the college education system by identifying and rewarding meritorious college teachers, who have made excellent contributions in their respective fields.

Ineffective Women's Law

5458. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various laws concerning women are outdated and ineffective;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to review such laws and to make them effective;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) (a) to

(d) Laws concerning women are not outdated or ineffective and are invoked as is evident from cases under trial.

However, the provisions of such laws are reviewed periodically, especially by statutory bodies such as the National Commission for Women and amendments carried out, if so waranted to meet emerging requirements.

Human development in States

†5459. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recently released a report regarding human development of residents of all the States of the country;

(b) if so, the position in respect of the level of human development of residents of different States, on the basis of the said report; and

(c) the reasons for such a big difference in the level of human development in States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of estimated Human Development Index, for all the States/UTs separately for rural and urban areas for early eighties, for the early nineties and for the year 2001 in the case of selected major States, are annexed as Statement-I to III (*See* below). Disparity among States is due to their attainment levels in the areas of economic progress, education and health.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.